

**Amendment to the Abstract:**

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

An electrode discharge machining apparatus ~~comprises~~ includes a first holder for holding a workpiece to be subjected to electro discharge machining, an electrode provided opposing the workpiece held by the first holder, a capacitor for supplying electric charge to the electrode and the workpiece so as to generate pulse electro discharge between the workpiece and the electrode, a power source for applying a voltage to the capacitor, a switching element provided between the capacitor, and at least one of the electrode, the workpiece and the power source, a switch controller for controlling on and off of the switching element, a current detecting element for detecting a current flowing between the workpiece and the electrode, and a control unit for, based on the current detected by the current detecting element, judging whether or not a short circuit occurs between the workpiece and the electrode. When it is judged that a short circuit occurs between the workpiece and the electrode, the switch controller switches off the switching element for a predetermined time.